

that are true, and dear, and great, and wonderful, don't always...are not always hailed to be true, dear, great, and wonderful by all of my colleagues. They have ideas that are good too. They get incorporated in a piece of legislation. I think Senator Landis has done an excellent job of indicating how this piece of legislation reflects a variety of competing and differing values and yet does not stray far from the mark, the mark being a unitary tax system, not a two-tier tax system, the mark being the preservation of rural schools unless chosen by rural people to close the same, and the mark being a fundamental stepping stone for property tax relief. I think every member in this body can advance LB 662 to Final Reading believing that we are on the road...on the road to real success in school reorganization, school finance and property tax relief. I am also of the opinion that between now and Final Reading we will go over the Schmit amendment and the bill with a fine-tooth-comb, and we will find places that we all know need to be corrected, and we will correct them because we don't want to send, into our statute book, bills that have serious internal weaknesses. It will be taken care of. But this morning it is important for us to move this bill on to Final Reading, and for us to then go through it with care and make those necessary corrections. We have engaged, this morning, in a very traditional American process of shaping legislation on the floor. I'm of the opinion that even though there are amendments that I wouldn't necessarily approve of to this bill, nonetheless the basic thrust, the basic purpose, the basic intention has been well maintained, and that all members should support this measure.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the advancement of LB 662. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. I suppose we could have done this by voice vote.

SENATOR LAMB: Record vote.

SPEAKER NICHOL: A record vote has been called for. Have you all voted that care to? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Read record vote found on pages 1057-58 of the Legislative Journal.) 28 ayes, 19 nays, 2 present and not voting, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The bill advances. I would like to say to the people in the gallery, we appreciate your interest in